

AGENDA

Sister Cities Commission

Thursday, January 25, 2007
Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
7:00 PM

- I. Roll Call**
- II. Seating of Alternates**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of Minutes: October 26, 2006**
- V. Approval of Agenda**
- VI. Announcements/Correspondence**
- VII. Citizen's Forum**

Members of the audience are invited to address the Commission on any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must supply their name and address for the record. Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

VIII. Elections

Background: Section 5, Officers, of the Commission's by-laws states: "A Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will be annually selected at the first meeting of the year from the appointed members for a term of one year. The Chairperson will call for meetings and preside over all sessions. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson will preside. In the absence of both the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, the member with the highest seniority will preside."

Recommendation: Conduct elections for the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson positions.

IX. Old Business

1. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA: SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP

Background: Milpitas' Sister City relationship with Huizhou, China began in 2004 and was recently extended another two years to 2008. No visits are currently scheduled. Lead Commissioner Grilli will provide a status report.

Recommendation: Receive verbal report from lead Commissioner Grilli.

2. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILLIPINES: SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP

Background: The February 2007 visit to Dagupan was canceled. Co-lead Commissioners Grilli and Mateo will provide a verbal report.

Recommendation: Receive verbal report from co-lead Commissioners Grilli and Mateo.

3. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN: SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP

Background: A visit to Tsukuba City is scheduled for June 18 to 26, 2007. Lead Commissioner Arthur will provide a status report.

Recommendation: Receive verbal report from lead Commissioner Arthur.

4. EUROPEAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH

Background: Commissioner Arefi is continuing research on the potential for a European sister city.

Recommendation: Receive update from Lead Commissioner Arefi.

X. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Sister City Relationships/Cultural Exchanges:
 - i. Huizhou City, China
 - ii. Dagupan City, Philippines
 - iii. Tsukuba City, Japan
2. European Sister City Research
3. 2007 Work Plan – as needed
4. Website Review – as needed

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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